

HVAC Contractors:

New Changeout Information Cards Available Now!

The California Energy Commission and Contractors State License Board want to help you and your customers better understand the latest HVAC changeout rules in the 2005 Building Energy Efficiency Standards. In response to your requests, we have produced these two information cards about the three simple steps you and your customers need to follow for compliance.

One information card is created for contractors/professionals (green) and the other one includes information directed to the needs of homeowners (blue). The homeowners cards are for you to pass out to help explain the correct steps to your customers. A Spanish translation of the three steps is included on the back of each card, as well as contact information for the California Energy Commission and the California Contractors State License Board.

We believe these information cards will help you and your customers better understand the law, thereby increasing the enforcement of this portion of the Standards. Additional copies can be ordered from the Energy Commission's Standards Hotline at (800) 772-3300 or (916) 654-5106.

We hope that these cards will be helpful tools for you.

CONTRACTORS!

Replacing a heating, ventilating or air conditioning system?

**Make sure
you follow
these 3 steps:**



**Don't Break
The Law!**

1. Get a building permit!

Whether you or your customer pulls it, a building permit is required by law. Not getting a permit can lead to fines by your local building department and disciplinary action against you by the Contractors State License Board.

2. Test the duct system.

Ducts that leak 15 percent or more must be sealed.

3. Have the work independently verified.

The law requires that either a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) rater certify your duct testing and sealing, or you can have it included in a one-in-seven random sample.

Compliance in some cool coastal climates is not required.

See the Energy Commission web site for more information.

HOMEOWNERS!

Replacing your heating, ventilating or air conditioning system?

**Ask your
contractor
these 3
questions:**



1. Will they pull a building permit?

Whether you or your contractor applies for it, a building permit is required by law. Not getting a permit is not only illegal – it exposes you to additional costs and liability.

2. Will the ducts be tested?

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3. Will the work be independently verified?

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